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SUBJ: BLACK COMMUNITY PROGRAM DIRECTOR BANNED

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1. BENNIE KHOAPA, DURBAN-BASED DIRECTOR OF THE BLACK COMMUNITY PROGRAM (BCP), SERVED FIVE-YEAR BANNING AND HOUSE ARREST ORDER 15 OCT.

2. KHOAPA HAD BEEN DRIVING FORCE BEHIND BCP AND WAS IN PROCESS OF SEVERING TIES WITH SPROCAS-II. WITH AID OF OVERSEAS FOUNDATION BCP HOPED TO INCORPORATE WITHIN YEAR AS NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION ALONG LINES SA INSTITUTE RACE RELATIONS (REF B). KHOAPA WAS TO

HAVE BEEN SUBPOENAED IN CONNECTION WITH SCHLEBUSCH COMMISSION INVESTIGATION BUT SUBPOENA NEVER DELIVERED.

3. UC NATAL LEADER, RADCLYFF CADMAN, WOULD MAKE "NO COMMENT" TO PRESS QUERIES RE LATEST BANNINGS--LANGA, KHOAPA, ET AL--BUT

IN OTHER VEIN INSISTED SAG NOT RPT NOT INTENT ON DESTROYING EVERY
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BLACK ORGANIZATION WORKING OUTSIDE APARTHEID SYSTEM: "OTHERWISE

EVERY GROUP NOT IN SUPPORT OF APARTHEID WOULD BE BANNED, AND CLEARLY THAT IS NOT SO". HARRY PITMAN, PROGRESSIVE PARTY NATAL LEADER, DEPLORED SAG PERPETRATED VIOLENCE INHERENT IN ALL BANNINGS AND SAID, "I WILL NOT ACCEPT THAT KHOA IS GUILTY OF ANY OFFENCE UNTIL HE PROVED GUILTY IN COURT OF LAW" PETER RANDALL, SPROC DIRECTOR, CITED KHOA AS COLLEAGUE AND MAN OF "GREAT MODERATION AND WISDOM". HE FURTHER LAMENTED THAT WIDESPREAD BANNINGS OF BLACK LEADERS "DESTROYING ANY HOPE OF PEACEFUL CHANGE IN SOUTH AFRICA".

4. COMMENT: AS KHOA IMPOSSIBLE TO REPLACE, HIS BANNING WILL PROBABLY SPELL END OF BCP. HE EITHER WROTE OR EDITED ALL BCP PUBLICATIONS, E.G., "BLACK REVIEW 1972" (REF A) AND HIS LOSS WILL JEOPARDIZE WORK OF ENTIRE PROGRAM. KHOA IS FOURTH BLACK ASSOCIATED WITH BCP TO BE BANNED SINCE MARCH 1973. OTHERS WERE STEVE BIKO AND JAMES MAFUNA (BOTH BCP FIELD ADVISERS) AND

MRS. SAMANTHA MOODLY (BCP RESEARCH ASST AND WIFE OF SOGINI MOODLY, BANNED SASO PUBLICATIONS DIRECTOR). CADMAN'S COMMENT AT BEST FATUOUS, SINCE IT INCREASINGLY EVIDENT SAG INTENT ON BANNING, RESTRICTING OR OTHERWISE INTIMIDATING PRINCIPAL BLACK CRITICS AT LEAST IN URBAN AREAS. RESULT CAN ONLY BE TO INCREASE MILITANCY OF THOSE PREVIOUSLY WILLING WORK TOWARD PEACEFUL CHANGE IN SOUTH AFRICA.
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